KNOX LAUGHS AT WAR TALK

Former Secretary of State Approves Wilson's Note to England.

NO CAUSE FOR OFFENSE

In Full Sympathy with Determination to Reduce Menace to Commerce, He Asserts.

Valley Force, Pa., Jan. 1 .- "There is not the remotest chance of war with England: that the note of protest sent by President Wilson implies hostility toward that country is the sheerest onsense," asserted former Secretary of State Knox, in an interview today. Mr. Knox had not read the full text of President Wilson's note. For that reason many of his statements were

general rather than specific.
"We have had 100 differences with England in the last century that were

far more serious than the present one,"
he said. "All of them were adjusted
by proper diplomacy.
"Yet I am in full sympathy with
President Wilson's determination to reduce to a minimum the right of England to search our vessels. I don't ut derstand that he challenges that right. He desires, I understand, that England shall exercise it in a way that will least Subject to Search,

"As to its effect on American co nations, whose vessels carry contra-hand of war, are subject to seizure and the right of search. That is some-thing, however, that belligerents should exercise with due regard for the rights of the neutral nations

"What do you think of President Wil-son's note of protest."
"I have not seen the text. I only have persued the general draft. I think it is not extremely proper thing for him to do. I am not much of a believer in the fad believe with the late John Hay in plain truths. Sometimes the truth is harsh lot it is nevertheless the truth. I see nothing to which England could take

No Hostility Shown.

That the note implies hostility to That the note implies hostility toward England is none-use. President
Wilson merely is trying to protect American commerce. If either England or
Germany is injured by his stand, that is
not his fault. That is accidental. His
dity is to the American people.

"As to the outcome. I see no reason
why there cannot be a satisfactory and
amicable adjustment of the differences.

"What can the United States do—leaving war out of the question—if England
refuses to accede to the Gemands of this

refuses to accede to the demands of this country?" he was asked. "That is a question that will have to

e put up to the administration. What government does when it makes a protest is based on international law, it is not international law after the pro-test. International law is in the protest It is then a matter of judgment,

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LADY GRANARD PROVING VALUABLE AID TO HUSBAND IN POLITICAL RACE.



for the lord lieutenancy of Ireland is attracting attention despite the war. Lady Granard, who was Bestrice Orden Mills, is a great source of strength to her husband, for it is known that she has the ability and tact, to say nothing of the wealth, to discharge the social duties of the office with distinction. The salary of the lord lieutenant is \$100,000 a year, but this does not meet the outlays of the post except in the most frugal hands and there is ample opportunity to

Swallows False Teeth; Dies Despite Doctors

Arthur M. Phelps, Washington Piano Tuner, Suffocates to Daniels. He will go to Raleigh follow-Death While Physicians Try to Save Him-Dr. Rogers Fails to Bring Him Back to Life.

Arthur M. Phelps, fifty-six years old, a leeth. piano tuner, suffocated to death yesterday while two daughters and other relday while two daughters and other relday in feartic helplessness. Then the son-in-law, Foster, tried to rehowever.

It tried to remove them from nis tomary diplomatic breakiast on account throat with his fingers, but only pushed the mourning at the White House. He sent greeting cards to all diplomats, feated a Villaista force at Rodriguez, near San Euls Potosi, and is closely pur-

plane tuner, suffocated to death yester-day while two daughters and other redatives looked on in frantic helplesaness the teeth farther down the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of the teeth farther down the teeth farther down the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of the teeth farther down the settle feeth and the teeth farther down the teeth farther down the passage of the passage of the passage of the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of the passage of the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of the passage of the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of the passage of the teeth farther down the passage of th Phelps' heart. The physician massaged the still organ for ten minutes before he save up the fight for the life of his patient.

Coroner J. Ramsay Nevitt issued a certificate of accidental death. Physicians recall numerous cases where persons have swallowed false teeth, but there is no record of such a mishap being fatal.

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Since the death of his wife some months ago, Phelps had been a frequent visitor at the home of his son-in-law, Irvin C. Foster, a carpenter living at 287 Mills Then Rogers made the heroic attempt

reque northeast. Phelps was a motor-cle enthusiast and yesterday made the on his machine from his home at saging it. Medical history contains but 2415 Franklin street northeast about a few cases where this method has been noon. oon.

Phelps was sitting in a chair in the parput his hand against the heart and slowber sister, Miss Mamle Phelps, and a movement of the heart. Rogers had grandson, Rogers Phelps, when the falso been working for more than half an hour eeth were swallowed. Phelps seemed to before he finally gave up.

Y. M. C. A. GREETS NEW YEAR AT "OPEN HOUSE"

Games, Exhibitions, Musical and Literary Numbers, and Reception Constitute Program.

Open house, which included games and exhibitions, a reception and a concert, was held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. There was a public reception by mem-bers and officers of the association at 2 o'clock, and coincidentally there was a reception by the trustees, board of man-agers and pastors and old-time members. A moving picture and a special exhibit of the work of the army and navy were given in the late afternoon. There was a basket-ball game between the regular and reserve teams, and a bowling match between a team of girls from the large Memorial Church and a Y. M. Ingram Memorial Church and a Y. M. C. A. team. G. H. Corsan, Walter F. Smith, S. C. Cousins and Mr. Longfellow,

of the American Red Cross, gave swimming exhibitions.

There was a concert in the evening, at which the following program was given:
Plano solos, "Romance" and "Tarantella," Miss Emma M. C. Bender; soprano solo, "Way Down South," and "Ah Love, But a Day," Miss Mary Sherrier; readings, "The Volunteer Organist."
"Punch, Brothers, Punch," "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," and "Master's Motor Car," Maurice Jarvis: soprano solos, "Sylvelin" and "Mattinata," to death

Miss Mary Sherrier; piano solo,
"Scherzo in B minor," Miss Emma M,
C. Bender; tenor solo, "Oh, for a Breath
of the Moorlands, and "A Bowl of
Roses," Richard P. Backing; violin solos,
"Romance" and "Bee," Anton Kaspar;
"Where My Caravan Has Rested," Richand P. Backing and distributed. ard P. Backing, and violin solos, "Andante" and "Hmi." Anton Kaspar.
In the boys' department there was a concert in the afternoon. In the evening there was an entertainment at which gymnastic exhibitions, dancing, and fancy marches, games, and a basket-ball match were given. Miss Matilda Ram-sey, regent, presented a flag to the boys' department on behalf of Our Flag Chap-ter, D. A. R. Norman Frost received the flag for the department.

W. A. Scripps, Publisher, Dead.
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. I.—William A.
Scripps, publisher and retired capitalist,
is dead at his home in Altadena today.
He recovered from an attack of pneumonia, from which he suffered last summer, only to suffer a relapse several days
ago. He was seventy-six years old.

Carelessness Caused Death. William H. French, elevator operator at the University Club, who fell four of the American Red Cross, gave swim-ming exhibitions. as a result of his own carelessness, ac cording to the verdict of a coroner's jury yesterday.

Australians Kill Turk Raiders. Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 1.-Two Turks fired upon an excursion train near Silver-

OFFICIALS PASS

No White House Reception, but President's Friends Called to Leave Cards.

GREETINGS FROM ABROAD

Wilson Played Golf and Took Auto Ride-Bryan Spent Day in North Carolina.

With its most picturesque feature, the White House reception, omitted because of mourning in the Presidential household. New Year's Day in official circles of the National Capital was observed in

quiet fashion.
Governmental activities halted and officials generally spent the day making calls and exchanging greetings. The Senate and House did not sit and at the executive departments all was quiet, em-ployes having the entire day off. A few of the higher officials wer at their of-

President Wilson adapted his normal Saturday's routine to New Year's Day. He played golf in the morning and in the afternoon went for an automobile ride in the country surrounding Wash-ington. His callers for the most part were limited to officials and friends who ontented themselves with leaving their

Few White House Callers Among those who called were members of the diplomatic corps, justices of the Supreme Court, members of the Cabinet who are in Washington, and high officials

of the executive and legislative branches of the government. "Happy New Year" messages yesterday ame to President Wilson from all seculers of Europe sent customary greet-

The one which attracted greatest in-

erest and contained the deepest personal note was that from King Albert of Belgium, sent from his general army eadquarters. It read:
"On the occasion of the New Year I send my sincerest congratulations, and the wishes I extend are for the welfare of the great American nation, whose gen-erosity to Helgium is of so much help

in this time of distress and sorrow." King George Felicitates.

King George of Great Britain sent this "It affords me sincere pleasure to convey to you on the commencement of the new year my hearty good wishes for your personal happiness and for the welfare and prosperity of the United States of America, to which we are united by such ties of friendship and intimacy." The following message came from Kin Gustave of Sweden: "I beg you to receive my

for a happy New Year."
King Haakon of Norway cabled th sllowing from Christiana; "On the occasion of New Year's Day express my most sincere good wishes fo you and the American people,' Count von Bernstorff, the German Am-bassador to the United States, sent the following message from New York: "Please accept my most sincere and re-spectful wishes for a very happy New

Year for yourself, your country, and your Supt. Townsley, of the West Point Mil-itary Academy, sent the following: "Superintendent, officers and cadets of the United States Military Academy join in wishing you health, success and hap-

piness throughout the new year. Bryan at Winter House.

Secretary of State Bryan spent the day at Ashvelle, N. C., where he recently ac-quired a new winter house. Secretary of ing the visit, and on Monday will return

lantic City yesterday and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is at the San Diego Exposition as the representative of the President. Other members of the Capingt represents to the effect that the military operations of the constitu-Swallowing his false teeth accidentally, choke and then said he had swallowed the Cabinet remained in Washington.

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floating targets. It is rumored that air established his government in the na-bases will be established at Namur, tional capital within a period of less Antwerp, Hamburg, and Kiel, to be ready for a great aerial invasion of England.

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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

ANYBODY BUT

Constitutionalist advices received at the Mexican Embassy here yesterday indi-cate the battle at Puebla was one of the bloodiest of the present civil war in the south. Bodies were strewn everywhere amid the wreckage of gun carriages and trucks, and were piled high in windows

Gates of City Are Expected where the machine gun fire did its deadlest work. Hundreds of wounded were to Fall at Any

Moment.

Where the machine gun fire did its deadlest work. Hundreds of wounded were left upon the field.

From Redriguez the Carranza forces sent word of a victory in which 700 men were killed or wounded.

Puchla Battle Bloody.

When Band Left, Bluecoat Got Tired and Ordered Skaters Away, but They Returned.

With the carnival of the Washington Ice Skaters' Club in full swing and nearly 2,000 skaters enjoying rare sport, the

regentative Hobson, and the query "why" was repeated. "Well," said Gillum, "Col. Harts au-

doing it."

Before Sergt Gillum's order was countermanded by Col. W. W. Harts, in charge of public buildings and grounds, and before about 150 shivering, angry survivors of the original happy 2,000 were told they might go back on the loss is

was \$2.5 o'clock.

The carnival was started with a flourish. Thirty musicians of the Marine
Band, under Lieut, W. H. Santeimann,
took place in a specially constructed
stand, and began playing music in
both with the swing of the skaters. rhythm with the swing of the skaters. George P. Eustis, Mrs. Truxtun Beaie, Mrs. William H. Laughlin, sister-in-law of former President Taft; Miss Lippitt, daughter of Senator Lippitt; William Hitt, W. J. Baker, Jerome Connor, sculp-tor, and many others of the smart set were there.
The police took the departure of the

band at 5 o'clock as the cue for them to "shoo" away the skaters, and themselves quit work. When Sergt, Gillum was so cross-questioned by Dr. Meyer and Representative Hobson that he could not evade giving reasons for his strange order, he asserted the "ice was unsafe." Gillum confided to a bystander that his order was the result of a "presentiment that something was going to happen."
The bystander whispered this news to Representative Hobson, and the fighting spirit that made him the navai hero of the Spanaish-American war was aroused Hobson and Dr. Meyer got in an auto and went on a hunt for Col. Harts. Col. Harts was New Year calling, and much time was lost before he was found. Col. Harts "was perfectly lovely" when found, and sent hot orders scorching over a telephone line.

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150 survivors of the big carnival throng again were skimming the chill surface under the light of the moon, Sergt. Gil-

Bryan Visits Summer Home Site. Asheville, N. C., Jan. 1.—Secretary of State Bryan arrived at noon today to spend two days at Grove Park Inn and inspect the land he purchased recently as a site for a summer home.

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